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Der Panamakanal. Von Dr. Fritz Regel. 128 pp., 6 Pictures, 4 Maps, a Profile of the Canal and Bibliography. Gebauer-Schwetschke Druckerei und Verlag, Halle a. S., 1909. Price, 4 M.

This small work is intended to give the German nation a clear idea of the history of the Isthmian canal projects and of the relation of the United States to the present enterprise and the work it is doing. The historical section closes with 1907. The geographical conditions of the canal zone and of the cities of Colon and Panama are then discussed, 10 pages are given to the meaning of the Panama Canal and the influence it will exert upon the world's trade, and the book concludes with an almost exhaustive list of the literature on the subject. It is packed with facts that are well arranged and clearly expressed. The author is Professor of Geography at the University of Würzburg.

Die Heldentaten des Dom Christoph da Gama in Abessinien. Nach dem portugiesischen Berichte des Miguel de Castanhoso. Uebersetzt und herausgegeben von Enno Littmann. xxiii and 132 pp., and Map. Karl Curtius, Berlin, 1907. Price (paper), 3.20 M.

Christoph da Gama was one of the sons of the famous Vasco da Gama. His gallant though ill-fated campaign in Abyssinia, in the middle of the 16th century, for the relief of the native Christians, oppressed by the Mohammedans, has an honoured place in the annals of Portugal. Castanhoso's detailed report on this remarkable expedition of a handful of Portuguese soldiers into the depths of an unknown land has been translated into several languages and the English edition was issued by the Hakluyt Society. The German edition, now translated from the Portuguese and edited by Prof. Littmann, of Strassburg University, will rank among the most scholarly works on this historical chapter. The German edition is enriched by 42 pages of notes written by Prof. Littmann.

Wie es im Congo Staat Zugeht. Skizzen von Erwin Federspiel. 84 pp. Art. Institut Orell Füssli, Zürich, 1909. Price, 80 pf.

The author was formerly Commissioner of the Stanley Falls District. He gives some space to good-tempered criticism and refutation of the view, so widely spread, that the conduct of Congo affairs has violated humanity and civilization. He discusses this question especially in relation to taxation of the natives, the conduct of military expeditions and the rubber industry. He says that in all his wide travels he never saw a case of the mutilation of a native in which any agent or servant of the Congo Free State was concerned. The second part of the book is given to sketches of life in the Congo with particular reference to the natives. The little volume is a worthy addition to Congo literature.

Landeskunde des Europäischen Russlands nebst Finnlands. Von Prof. Dr. A. Philippson. 148 pp., 9 photographic Illustrations, 7 Maps in the Text, 1 hypsometrical Map in Colours, and Index. G. J. Göschen'sche Verlagshandlung, Leipzig, 1908. Price, 80 pf.

A condensed geographical study by the well-known Professor of Geography in the University of Halle on S. The work is based, in part, upon Dr. Philippson's own field studies. It is a good example of the application of the most approved methods of geographical science in a description of the natural features, cultural conditions, and the racial and political development of the Russian plain and bordering regions.